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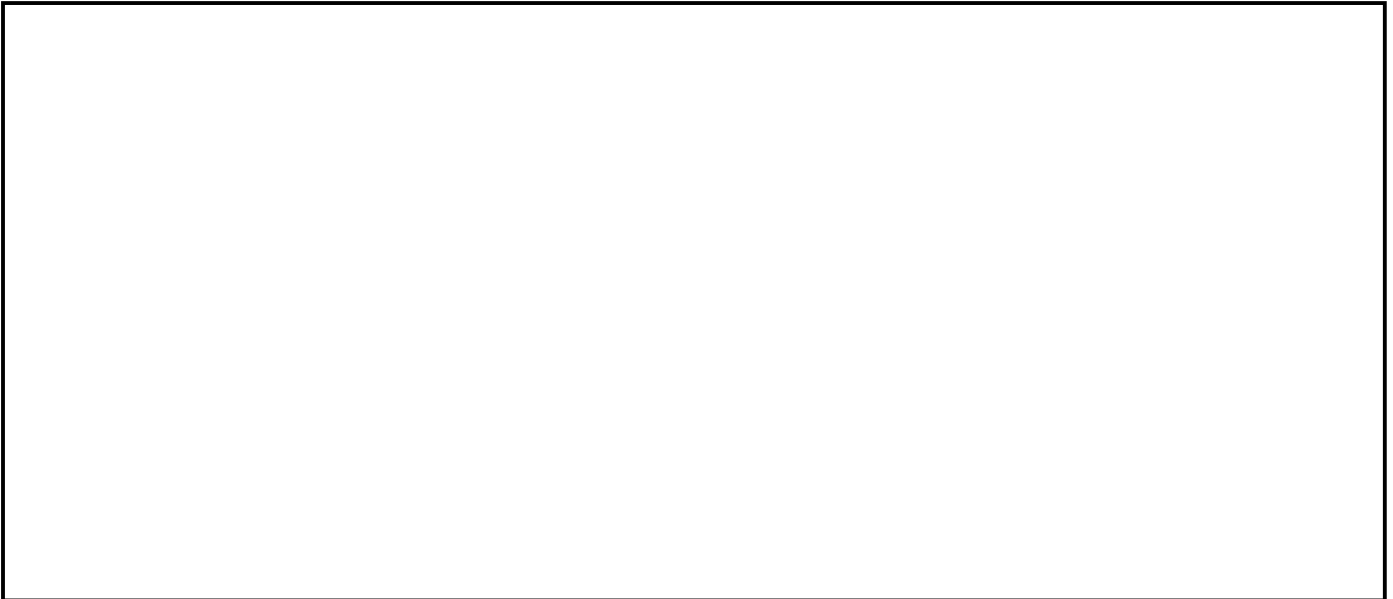
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3. [REDACTED] Met with Chairman David Henderson, Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, regarding S. 782 (Ervin bill) and delivered to him our formal response to his request for a statement of the Agency's position on this legislation. Henderson said he hoped to hold hearings in the near future, but was not sure whether he could get his Subcommittee together by 8 July. He said he personally had expected not to hold hearings but hearings had been requested by the Civil Service Commission and he would leave the decision up to the Subcommittee members. He explained that pressure from Senator Ervin left him no alternative but to report out the bill, since he couldn't afford to have Ervin spread the word around North Carolina that Henderson had buried it. However, Henderson repeated his assurances that he personally would insist on a full exemption for CIA, NSA and the FBI. He said the letters from Chairmen Mahon and Rivers requesting exemption for the Agency had been received and they were very helpful. Henderson believes that we can win an exemption in the House, but there may be trouble when the bill goes to conference between House and Senate, especially since the House conferees may not be members of the Henderson Subcommittee and may not be familiar with some of the details.

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